(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) FCI does not award contracts for export of rice. FCI conducts open sale of rice and wheat for domestic use and for export purposes as per authorization by Government from time to time. One of the Directors in the Board of Directors of the FCI had objected to sale for export of rice without inviting tenders.

(b) to (d). The Government had authorised the FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export fine and superfine rice from the Public stocks upto 30 lakh tonnes during 1995-96 subject to the conditions that the export prices fixed should not be less than the domestic prices of fine and superfine rice sold from the public stocks in the open market and export sale prices and other related matters should be decided by the High Level committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Chairman, FCI. As the fine and Superfine rice was sold as per the decisions of the HLC/Government, the invitation of tenders for export sale of rice was not considered necessary by the FCI.

*[Translation]*

**Schemes for expansion of Education**

2572. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes are implemented the propagation and expansion of education among Scheduled and Scheduled Tribe children in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes introduced by the Government during the last year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government have been making allocations to meet the annual expenditure likely to be incurred on implementation of such schemes;

(d) if so, the scheme-wise amount allocated for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 separately;

(e) whether the allocated amount has not been utilised properly; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : Yes, Sir.

(b) No scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Welfare during 1995-96 for the propagation and expansion of education amongst SCs/STs.

(c) and (d). The scheme-wise allocation and expenditure of the schemes being undertaken by the Ministry of Welfare for propogation and expansion of education amongst SCs/STs is given in the attacted statement.

(e) and (f). The amount allocated has been properly utilised except in a few schemes namely Coaching & Allied Scheme, Book Bank for SCs & STs and Upgradation of Merit for SCs & STs because of non-receipt of complete proposals from some of the State Govt. and non-provision of matching share by the States.

The State Governments have been requested to send the proposals complete in all respects in time and also allocated matching share in their State budgets for these Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

**STATEMENT**

(Rs. in Crores)

| S.No. | Name of Scheme | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Post-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST students. | 72.40 | 96.35 | 145.00 |
| 2. | Pre-Matric Scholarships for children of those parents who are engaged in unclean occupations. | 14.00 | 10.00 | 7.50 |
| 3. | Book Banks for SC/ST students | 5.60 | 3.50 | 3.60 |
| 4. | Girls Hostels for SC | 6.00 | 6.20 | 7.00 |
| 5. | Boys Hostels for SC | 6.00 | 6.20 | 10.00 |
| 6. | Coaching & Allied Scheme for SC/ST. | 2.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 |
| 7. | Upgradation of Merit for SC/ST. | 0.55 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 8. | Girls Hostels for ST | 3.00 | 3.05 | 3.50 |
| 9. | Boys Hostels for ST | 3.00 | 3.05 | 3.50 |
| 10. | Ashram School in TST Areas | 2.50 | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| 11. | Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for the development of ST Girls literacy in Tribal Areas. | 1.25 | 1.85 | 2.00 |

**Guest Houses in Delhi**

2573. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Guest Houses set up for tourists in Delhi as on date; and

(b) whether the number of these guest houses is sufficient for tourists visiting Delhi; and

(c) if not, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SHRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c). There is no scheme of the Central Department of Tourism for setting up of Guest Houses. However, creation of such lodging facility is entirely in the private sector.

344 hotel/guest house licences have been granted till date by Delhi Police in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

In order to augment existing accommodation, the Central Department of Tourism have issued guidelines to the State/UT Governments for formulating and implementing scheme for approving and registering Paying Guest accommodation.

**Telecom System in Aurangabad**

2574. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telecommunications system in Aurangabad district of Bihar is completely in jeopardised condition;

(b) whether telecommunications facilities in Aurangabad is far below its requirement;

(c) whether incidents of corruptions in telecommunications department of Aurangabad has also come to the notice of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) 3 officials of DOT were found indulging in malpractices leading to leakage of revenue. Necessary action is being taken against them.

*[English]*

**Prohibition**

2575. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI L. RAMANA :
SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY :
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the fact that various State Governments have imposed prohibition or likely to impose the same in near future resulting in heavy revenue loss;

(b) if so, whether these States have sought any financial assistance from the Union Government to meet their loss;

(c) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided to each State;

(d) whether any study has been conducted by the Union Government to know that crimes take place due to consumption of intoxicants;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Bokaro Steel Plant Project**

2576. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages affected as a result of implementation of Bokaro Steel Plant Project; and

(b) the steps taken for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). Land of 49 villages was acquired by Government of Bihar for setting up of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL). The steps taken by the State Government and the Bokaro Steel Plant for the rehabilitation of displaced persons are providing basic amenities like drinking water facilities, construction of roads, schools, health centres etc. at rehabilitation sites, and providing of jobs, preference and concessions in award of contracts to displaced persons etc. by Bokaro Steel Plant.

*[Translation]*

**Standard of Living of Workers**

2577. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any new scheme to improve the standard of living of the workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is likely to come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). A number of labour laws providing for payment of minimum wages, social security, industrial safety, Payment of Bonus and Welfare Facilities like health, housing, education, recreation and water